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SUBJ: US-FRG COOPERATION IN SAFEGUARDS AND PHYSICAL
SECURITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

REF: (A) BONN 03864; (B) BONN 12432

1. SUMMARY: FRG OFFICIALS FROM FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR
RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY (BMFT) REPORTED ON RESULTS OF
APRIL VISIT TO US (REF A) AND REQUESTED EMBASSY
ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING THIS COOPERATIVE PROGRAM WITH
ERDA. ACTION REQUESTED: SEE PARAS 3, 4, AND 5. END
SUMMARY.

2. BMFT OFFICIALS SHARED WITH EMBOFF A COPY OF
MINUTES OF APRIL 5-9 MEETING, PREPARED BY ERDA AFTER
VISIT OF 3-MAN GERMAN DELEGATION. PAGE 3 OF THESE
MINUTES OUTLINES TWO STEPS REQUIRED TO INITIATE US-FRG
COLLABORATION, I.E.:

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A. FORMAL GOVERNMENTAL STATEMENT OF
INTEREST, AND,

B. DRAFT WORKING PROGRAM.

3. BMFT HAS FORWARDED DRAFT PROGRAM DIRECT TO ERDA
FOR COMMENT, WHICH NOT YET RECEIVED. FRG REPS GAVE
EMBOFF A COPY OF THIS DRAFT PROGRAM WITH A REQUEST
THAT ERDA BE URGED TO RESPOND ASAP THROUGH OFFICIAL
CHANNELS.

4. WITH RESPECT TO FORMAL STATEMENTS OF GOVERNMENTAL
INTEREST, BMFT REPS PROPOSED AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS
WITH ERDA. THEY WILL DRAFT SUCH A LETTER AND PROVIDE
A COPY TO BEGIN AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON ITS CONTENTS.
IN BMFT VIEW, EITHER DR. SCHMIDT-KUESTER OR DR. POPP
COULD SIGN SUCH A LETTER. BMFT WOULD APPRECIATE ERDA
VIEWS ABOUT CONTENT OF THIS FORMAL EXPRESSION OF
INTEREST AND IDENTITY OF ERDA OFFICIAL WHO WOULD SIGN
FOR USG.

5. BMFT REPS ALSO REQUESTED ERDA VIEWS ABOUT THE
BEST PROCEDURE FOR PROTECTING CLASSIFIED AND OTHER
SENSITIVE INFORMATION. SPECIFICALLY: SHOULD THIS
POINT BE ADDRESSED IN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS? BMFT IS
AWARE OF NRC - BMI AGREEMENT WITH ITS FOLLOW-UP
LETTER ABOUT THIS PROBLEM. WOULD SUCH A PROCEDURE BE
ACCEPTABLE TO ERDA?

6. EMBASSY COMMENT: REF B REFERS TO RENEWED PLANS
FOR VISIT BY GERMAN DELEGATION INTERESTED IN POLICE

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ASPECTS OF PHYSICAL SECURITY--A RELATED BUT NOT DIRECTLY RELEVANT TOPIC. DEPARTMENT AND OTHER INTERESTED AGENCIES SHOULD BE AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT THERE EXIST CERTAIN INTERMINISTERIAL SENSITIVITIES, COMPETITION AND JEALOUSIES IN THIS AREA. SUGGEST THESE ARE BEST AVOIDED BY USING EMBASSY CHANNELS FOR COMMUNICATION ON ALL ASPECTS OF PHYSICAL SECURITY PROBLEMS.

7. EMBASSY NOTES THAT FRG PROPOSES TO CONTRIBUTE ABOUT ONE-HALF THE MANPOWER AND FUNDS REQUIRED FOR THE DRAFT PROGRAM. BMFT OFFICIALS EXPLAINED THAT JOINT PROGRAM COULD INCLUDE WORKING VISITS BY TECHNICAL PERSONNEL FROM EITHER SIDE. FOR EXAMPLE, PROJECT II IN DRAFT PROGRAM WOULD INVOLVE DEVELOPMENT OF A SAFE-GUARDS SYSTEM FOR A JET NOZZLE URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT. BMFT FORESEES POSSIBILITY OF US PERSONNEL WORKING WITH GERMAN EXPERTS AT KARLSRUHE NUCLEAR CENTER. BRAZILIANS ARE ALREADY WORKING THERE IN PREPARATION FOR UTILIZATION OF THIS URANIUM ENRICHMENT
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TECHNOLOGY IN BRAZIL. BMFT REPS APPRECIATE POSSIBLE POLITICAL SENSITIVITY OF SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT BUT ARGUED THAT IT WAS BOTH INEVITABLE AND DESIRABLE IF EFFECTIVE IAEA SAFEGUARDS WERE TO BE APPLIED TO AN URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT IN BRAZIL.

8. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE ASAP.
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